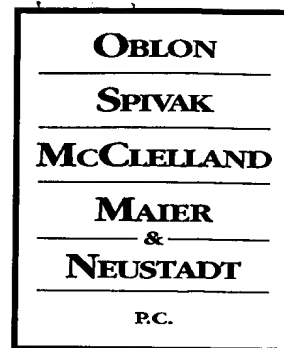




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Preliminary Amendment and Statement w/Marked-Up Copy (4 pp.); Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney (4 pages executed); Filing of Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.53(f); Sequence Listing Computer Readable Form (CRF) Diskette; Sequence Listing Paper (1 page); Return Copy - Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US); Request for Extension of Time (three months)**

Our check in the amount of **\$920.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Responsive to the notification dated January 29, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Declaration enclosed herewith contains the Title of the Invention and Inventor(s) name(s) and is believed, in combination with the application serial number and filing date contained in this cover letter, to adequately identify the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 for the following reason(s):
  - A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e).
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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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